

Mythical Man

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- Trainer Danny Gargan shared Mythical Man's journey to the King's Plate and how the horse was unable to run in certain stakes races as planned this year due to some setbacks. "He's won two times as a 2-year-old. Obviously, we've been pointing for these races. We gave him the winter off after he won at Gulfstream to be ready for Woodbine. We had him in a few stakes races at Monmouth and Penn, and we weren't allowed to go run. We had to scramble and run him at Saratoga to get him fit for this race, so we used that as a prep to get him ready for there."
- "He's doing good, and we got a race in him, so that's what we were focused on. He's doing really good."
- Mythical Man's greatest strength is that he is the epitome of a trier. "He's a grinder. His biggest thing is that he
 tries every time."
- "It's going to be our first time running on a synthetic, but he's run well on the turf. We're hoping he likes it."
- Gargan reflected on the bay gelding's last race, a seventh in the Manila Stakes (G3) on July 4 at Saratoga. "It
 wasn't his best race, but we're using it as a prep for the King's Plate. We were pleased just to get a race in him.
 "We're excited about it (the King's Plate)."
- Mythical Man, a son of Mucho Macho Man out of the Ghostzapper mare Park Lane, was a \$25,000 purchase at the 2023 Keeneland Association January 2023 Horses of All Ages Sale.

Trainer - Danny Gargan Plate Starters: 0

Danny Gargan won his biggest career race when he trained his Fountain of Youth Stakes winner Dornoch to victory in the 2024 running of the Belmont Stakes on June 8, 2024, at Saratoga. Gargan grew up in Louisville, Ky., and is the son of the late jockey of the same name, who won the 1973 Kentucky Oaks. Gargan worked in various assistant positions in Kentucky and New York, and as a jockey agent prior to starting his training career in 2013. Earlier in his career, Gargan claimed Divine Miss Grey in March 2017 for \$16,000 and she went on to win five stakes races for him, including the Grade 2 Chilukki Stakes in 2018. Gargan also claimed Tax for \$50,000 out of a Keeneland maiden claiming race in October 2018. The Arch gelding went on to win the Grade 3 Withers Stakes and Jim Dandy Stakes in 2019 and the Harlan's Holiday Stakes in 2020. Gargan trained 2022 Remsen Stakes winner and Kentucky Derby prospect Dubyuhnell. He won the Remsen Stakes again in 2023 with Dornoch.

Owner - Reeves Thoroughbred Racing

Formed in 2009, Reeves Thoroughbred Racing (www.reevestr.com) is owned by Dean and his wife, Patti. Dean, from Atlanta, Ga., became interested in horse racing as a young adult spawned by his first visit to the Kentucky Derby in 1976. The Reeves are best known for purchasing a majority interest in graded stakes winner Mucho Macho Man, who finished third in the 2011 Kentucky Derby. The Reeves kept him in training after the 2011 Triple Crown races and Mucho Macho Man rewarded them with several major stakes wins and a runner-up finish in the 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic. But a Grade 1 win proved elusive. The following year Mucho Macho Man finally got his first career Grade 1 win in the Awesome Again Stakes, a prep for the Breeders' Cup Classic. In the Classic, Hall of Fame jockey Gary Stevens guided Mucho Macho Man to the lead in the stretch and the duo held off fast-closing Will Take Charge to win the \$5 million race.

Jockey - Sofia Vives Plate Appearances: 0

Sofia Vives, a South Carolina native, became immersed in horse racing as a child while spending time at the barn with her father, Lazaro Vives, a former jockey who then trained horses. She earned her first win as an apprentice jockey on November 3, 2022, at Woodbine and enjoyed more success during 2023 when she won 122 races and racked up earnings of over \$3.5 million. The multiple graded stakes-winning rider won 87 races, 10 of them stakes, including the \$500,000 Woodbine Oaks with Kin's Concerto and the Connaught Cup (G2T) with Cruden Bay. Vives, the regular pilot of Patches O'Houlihan, Canada's Horse of the Year in 2024, also earned her second consecutive Sovereign Award as Canada's top apprentice jockey in 2024.

Breeder – Adena Springs Groom – Violate Chajon